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Eich cyf/Your ref P-06-1356
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Jack Sargeant MS
Chair - Petitions committee

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Dear Jack,

Thank you for your letter of 11 July regarding Petition P-06-1356 Introduce comprehensive safety measures at the A477 'Fingerpost' junction.

I was extremely saddened to hear about the death of Mr Rogers and my thoughts and sympathies go out to his family.

A report has been undertaken by the Welsh Government and its South Wales Trunk Road Agent (SWTRA) to investigate collisions and near misses that have been reported at this site. We have committed to a programme of short and medium term measures at the junction in 2023/24.

SWTRA have been instructed to introduce the following short-term measures at the earliest opportunity.

- Signing, road markings and possible minor junction layout changes for enhanced visibility.
- The introduction of U-turn prohibitions at the junction.

Following a request by the Welsh Government, SWTRA has erected a number of "Ride Safely" signs in the vicinity of the junction. We have shared the design of these signs with Pembrokeshire County Council so that they can also be considered for the A4075 which they are responsible for.

In the medium term and following a period of monitoring, we will assess the suitability and enforcement requirements of a speed restriction on this section and provide a business case for the introduction of traffic signals.

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We welcome receiving correspondence in Welsh. Any correspondence received in Welsh will be answered in Welsh and corresponding in Welsh will not lead to a delay in responding.

We are currently preparing new guidance on speed limit setting in Wales, which could help deal with inappropriate speed at isolated hazards such as junctions, but which the current guidance does not cover.

All future road schemes in Wales must be considered in line with the Roads Review report recommendations. Currently, the intention is to introduce small scale changes before committing to larger engineering measures so as to minimise future land take for highways, minimise carbon emissions, encourage modal shift and reduce dependency on the private car.

Yours sincerely,

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